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ABSTRACT

This book provides a selection of documentary background information on areas of the Information Highway debate that are particularly relevant to libraries. The book is designed for librarians who are online but have little time to explore the general areas of information policy, and for those not yet connected to the Internet who need to understand its implications. The documents represent the library viewpoint and include both key Federal documents that have formed the core of the Internet discussion and the viewpoints of concerned groups. Documents are organized by theme in seven sections: The New Information Society; The Promise of the Information Highway; Stakeholders and the Information Marketplace; Copyright in the Digital Age; Privacy and Intellectual Freedom in the Digital Age; Censors Take on the Net; and Accessing the Digital Universe. Contributions are included from the U.S. Department of Commerce; American Library Association; Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility; Progress and Freedom Foundation; Hal R. Varian; Francis Miksa; Karen Coyle; National Writers Union; Philip R. Zimmermann; Privacy Rights Clearinghouse; Voters Telecommunications Watch; Benton Foundation; and Center for Information Revolution Analyses-RAND. Contains a list of organizations and their addresses, and a subject index. (SWC)

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